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TAGS: EAGR PL
SUBJ: INFESTATION OF U.S. GRAIN EXPORTED TO POLAND

1. I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS OF INSECT
INFESTATION WHICH HAVE OCCURRED RECENTLY IN MULTIPLE
SHIPMENTS OF U.S. WHEAT TO POLAND. IN OCTOBER, 1976,
WE RECEIVED COMPLAINTS OF INSECT INFESTATION IN TWO
SHIPMENTS OF U.S. GRAIN SORGHUM. THIS YEAR, THE GRAIN
INVOLVED IS U.S. WHEAT, AND IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING
THAT, TO DATE, EIGHT SHIPMENTS ARE AFFECTED.
2. IT IS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE THAT THIS SHOULD
HAPPEN JUST WHEN OUR POLISH CUSTOMERS ARE IN THE MARKET
FOR EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNTS OF GRAIN, WHILE WE CONTINUE
TO FACE STRONG PRICE COMPETITION FROM OTHER SUPPLIERS,
AND WHEN HEAVY DOMESTIC SUPPLIES ARE CAUSING SERIOUS
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FOR OUR FARMERS.
3. I KNOW THAT USDA AND OUR WHEAT GROWERS ARE
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INSISTENT THAT WE MAINTAIN OUR REPUTATION AS A
DEPENDABLE SUPPLIER OF QUALITY GRAINS. THIS IS
CLEAR FROM THE RAPID DISPATCH OF A TEAM OF FEDERAL
GRAIN INSPECTORS TO POLAND AND THE INVITATION FROM
GREAT PLAINS WHEAT FOR A HIGH-LEVEL POLISH TEAM
TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT:

A) PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO DETERMINING THE CAUSE OF THESE PROBLEMS AND APPLYING THE RESULTS OF THAT RESEARCH TO MEASURES WHICH WILL PREVENT THEM FROM OCCURRING IN THE FUTURE;

B) STEPS BE TAKEN EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, TO PREVENT INFESTATION IN U.S. GRAINS NOW BEING LOADED FOR POLISH PORTS.

5. THE EMBASSY HAS EXPRESSED ITS DEEP CONCERN AND INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, WHILE RECOMMENDING THAT THE POLISH IMPORTER, ROLIMPEX, TRY TO HANDLE THE SITUATION AS THEY CUSTOMARILY WOULD IN OTHER PRIVATE TRADE SITUATIONS. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT OPTIONS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS IN THIS CASE, BUT I BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER POSITIVE ACTION IS POSSIBLE TO HELP RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

6. YOU MAY COUNT ON US FOR FULL COOPERATION AND SUPPORT.

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